

Teaneck Youth Advisory Board

Annual Board Report to Council

2021-2022

Board: Teaneck Youth Advisory Board

Chair: Kasai Sanchez

Deputy Chair: Rolando Ortega

Council Liaison: Gervonn Romney Rice

BOE Liaison: Harold Clark

Advisors: Duane Harley, Quron Gee, Shae Lewis

I. Meetings: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month 7 p.m.;
Virtual or Rodda Center

II. Accomplished Projects:

A. Virtual "Building Bridges to Government" civics education event.

B. Chamber of Commerce Award (Youth Achievement Award)

C. Established a social media presence

D. Participated in Teaneck Night Out

E. Marched in the annual 4th of July Parade

F. Students acknowledged by Town Council

G. Created logo and t-shirts for YAB promotion

III. New Projects/Goals for 2022

A. Dream Catchers

- Mentoring program working to provide students with the information, resources, motivation, mindset and support necessary to pursue their dreams

- One on one time with instruction in various areas of interest
- B. Trip to Trenton
- Meeting with State Legislators to discuss the inner workings of State level Government.
- C. Student Film Festival
- Pending collaboration with Teaneck International Film Festival
- D. Building Bridges Annual Civics Event
- Annual event educating students and sharing the day to day functions of local Government
- E. Lunch Improvement Initiative
- Working to improve the current quality of the lunch food in Teaneck Public Schools.
- F. Civic Job Shadowing
- Pairing YAB students with local leaders
- G. Continue to assist students to advocate for matters that are important to them.
- Guide students through the process of presenting their concerns to the township government.